

OVINGTON ORACLE

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Welcome, to the golden hues of "Autumn in Ovington". Autumn, like all the other seasons, comes round regular as clockwork every year, but never ceases to thrill anew as nature wields her paintbrush over trees and woodlands, turning what, at the end of summer, has become a dingy green canopy into a vivid cacophony of strident colours.

Before euphoric visions of a brighter world carry us away, we must remember that it also turns colder and the days get shorter around now. That's more like it; let's have a bit of pessimism here.

September seemed to be a hectic month, not necessarily in Ovington itself, but in our experience there were lots of "not to be missed" events around this neck of the woods every weekend. So can we look forward to a period of quiet contemplation and feet up in front of the Telly during October?

Well yes, you can apparently. Apart from the regular weekly and monthly meetings of the various village groups and gatherings, there seems little in the old events diary for this month. -----Except for-----

An item that hopefully will include all in the village is a meeting to discuss the forthcoming Grand Christmas Bazaar. (**December 1st**)

This will be held, where else, in the village hall on **October 30th at 7.30pm**. Please come along, don't worry, you won't get lumbered with lots of unpleasant jobs, it's ideas we are looking for at this stage.

So folks, lets get this show on the road.

OCTOBER DIARY.

Mon	1 st	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Wed	3 rd	Gardening Club	7.45pm
Sat	6 th	Ladies Supper evening*	7.30pm
Mon	8 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Mon	15 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Tue	16 th	Ladies Group	7.45pm
Mon	22 nd	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Mon	29 th	Bowls Club	1.45pm
Tue	30 th	Pre Bazaar meeting	7.30pm
Thurs	Nov 1 st	Parish Council	7.30pm
Sat	Nov 3 rd	Village Hall Supper Evening	

All events in Village Hall except those marked *

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

The editors recently received an anonymous letter, drawing attention to several aspects within the village that were particularly displeasing to the writer. All the points raised were quite pertinent so were duly passed to the Parish Council for attention at its last meeting. The council agreed the validity of most of the complaints some of which are currently on their agenda. However they were unable to legally act as the locality of some of objectionable events could not be determined as the writer, or the locations thereof, were not identified.

The Council and the editors of this newsletter are always willing to respond to justifiable complaints from our good folk but without more information from this writer we are all working in the dark.

We emphasise that any correspondence to this publication will always be treated in the strictest confidence; names will never be published or forwarded if the writer so wishes. The Parish council work to a similar standard of confidentiality, but do need to have confirmation that any complaint originates from within the village.

Thanks for writing to us, but don't be shy.

GARDENING CLUB

For our September meeting Janet Elliot from "Old Hall Plants" brought along a small selection of her vast collection of herbs (many of which are rare). We were encouraged to stroke, smell, touch and even taste many of the herbs on show. Janet's husband told us some interesting stories about certain herbs, while Janet told us about growing the herbs.

It was in all a very interesting and amusing talk. Members were quick to purchase their favourite herbs at the end of the evening. Our next meeting on **October 3rd** will be Andrew Bailey from Blooms of Bressingham giving a talk on "Plants for the autumn garden" Visitors are always welcome, for further information ring Carol on 01760 440719 or Jenny on 01760 723306

LADIES GROUP.

Ladies Group guest speaker this month was Jayne Whitwell, the Community Librarian from Watton Library.

We all enjoyed listening to her informative talk about the various activities available to everyone, young and not so young.

e.g. Computers, reading facilities and special needs tutoring in schools.

Our thanks to her for giving us her time.

Next months guest is Rev Mair Talbot.

This will be held on **16th October at 7.45pm.**

Just a reminder of the Ladies Group Supper Evening at the home of Chris and Connie Springford, **October 6th at 7.30pm.**

Connie Springford
Sec. Ovington Ladies Group

BOWLS CLUB.

Despite the quality of our Denis's jokes, people still flock to the village hall on a Monday afternoon, must be the magnetic allure of the click of woods that draws them back week after week. Whatever, the bowlers are of the opinion that more members would be most welcome to share in the chat, laughs, good food, and good company - oh! - and a game of bowls. Pop along folks, you won't be disappointed.

SEPTEMBER LOTTERY WINNERS

£10	No 44	John Hardy
£ 5	No 35	Ted Bowman
£ 5	No.53	Barbara Anderson
£ 5	No.39	Pansy Westwood

CHURCH NEWS.

Church Services for October:

7th	No service at Ovington
14th	9am Parish Communion
Lessons: Mr. R. Akister. Mrs. B Hicks	
Steward: Mrs. B. Hicks	
Flowers: Mrs. A. Akister	
21st	No service at Ovington
28th	9am Parish Communion
Lessons: Mr. C. Springford. Mrs. P. Westwood	
Steward: Mrs. P. Westwood.	
Flowers: Mrs. C. Springford.	

The P.C.C. thank everyone who very kindly supported, in one way or another, the Harvest Festival Thanksgiving. The produce, which was auctioned after the service, raised approximately £60.

A big thanks to the Ladies Group who has donated a vacuum cleaner to the church.

It's a welcome, thoughtful gift that will help keep our peaceful place nice and clean.

Please do remember that the church is for everyone in the village.

Watch the church notice board for services (and - of course - The Oracle, as they are prone to change (the times of the services, not The Oracle.....))

The Bishop of Norwich visited St. John's Ovington on Thursday 6th September. The churchwardens from Ovington, Saham Toney and Ashill gathered in our church (The churchwardens were wonderfully assisted by Chris and Connie, Connie's floral decorations added to the atmosphere and were highlighted by the late afternoon sunshine.)

Three members of the Ovington PCC gathered with the other three parishes and their PCC members later in the day at Ashill where the Bishop told us of his visit to Papua New Guinea, which has special links with the Diocese of Norwich.

Thanks are also due to Rod who did sterling steward duty at our church for the annual Churches cycle ride (as well as stewarding at other churches (who is this guy - Superman?))

We thank Watton for cancelling their afternoon tea so as not to clash with Ovington's Harvest Service, tea and auction. Thanks are certainly due to Rev. Julie Oddy for all her hard work writing to all Ovington's businesses (that's on top of her already hectic schedule!)

Thanks are also due to all who delivered letters, and who helped in our Harvest Festival.

There were more benefits than you realise. The Cycle Day was ideal cycling weather and over a dozen cyclists came to our church and signed in. It was lovely to see children arriving asking what was going on. In future we'll try to make sure more people are informed.

A note to children: remember to assume that all drivers are stupid. They drive too fast and fail to see what they should. Keep that in mind and you'll be safe (well, safer.)

RAINFALL FOR AUGUST.

August 2007	112mm or 4.48 inches
August 2006	170mm or 6.81 inches
August 1997	48.5mm or 1.93 inches

Thanks again to Ted for these carefully compiled records. So far, this month seems to be a bit drier. Watch this space, we are sure to be proved wrong ----- again.

VILLAGE HALL SUPPER EVENING. SATURDAY NOVEMBER 3rd

We have already mentioned the fact that it's turning cooler so the attraction of a splendid hot supper in company with good friends and a glass of wine seems a very pleasant way to spend an evening.

So an entry into your diary for this particular evening in foggy November is recommended. The supper evening will be held in the village hall. **7 for 7.30 pm on Saturday 3rd**

November 2007 – dress informal, casual even, and BYOB as usual. Tickets will be on sale from Christine Reilly 885848 at £6 each, for which you will receive a two-course supper plus tea or coffee.

The final menu is still being decided but will be along the lines of: a hot, home cooked main course with probably a choice of casserole / hotpot / curry / chilli / with potatoes and/or rice, followed by a selection of sumptuous desserts, just oozing with cream and fresh fruits oooooooh, bring it on girls!

Proceeds will go to the village hall, but it is principally a social event: an opportunity to meet and greet, get to know or catch up with other village people ----- NO ----- **not those village people.**

Book Now.

POPPY APPEAL.

Pansy and Sheila will be collecting for the Poppy Appeal during daylight hours, starting on **Saturday October 7th**. Please give generously; the money is needed as much, if not more, than ever. Last year we raised the largest amount for several years through the Village. Let us try and do even better this year. If you are not at home when we call please come and knock at my door at No 30 The Street, to make your donation and collect your Poppy. Wear it with pride.

Many Thanks. Pansy

WELCOME

To Krissy and Berry, who have recently joined our community, living in the Dereham Road. As always, we look forward to meeting you in the not too distant future.

YOUTH ADVICE TEAM (YAT)

The above organisation opens its doors at Wayland House.

The YAT is a series of informal drop in sessions, designed to help the young people of Wayland achieve the five goals as stated by central government's "Every Child Matters" scheme. (Be healthy, Stay safe, Enjoy and achieve, Make a positive contribution and achieve economic well – being)

The first of the weekly sessions will be held on **Monday October 15th from 3.30 to 5.30** at Wayland House, High Street, Watton.

Inside you will find friendly, trained and non – judgmental Youth Workers ready to answer your questions, address concerns or simply listen, whatever the problem.

If you have any queries or need more information regarding the drop-in, do not hesitate to contact Jan at Wayland house On jan@wayland.org.uk or simply pop in on the 15th.

RECYCLING

This subject always seems to be headline news, which is good; we blithely chuck far too much stuff away.

Breckland Council are endeavouring to get the recycling message across so have set up a question and answer forum to keep you informed as to what, and what not is recyclable.

To contact them either ring Street Scene on 01362 656878,

e-mail: streetscene@breckland.gov.uk

Or write to: Breckland Council. Street Scene. Elizabeth House. Walpole Loke. Dereham. NR19 1EE

FACTS.

It is impossible to lick your elbow!

**When everything is coming your way.
You're in the wrong lane!**

INCREASED TRAFFIC.

You may have noticed a heavy increase in traffic levels through the Village during the evenings of late. This is due to the closure of the B1108 (Norwich Road) between its junction with the A1075, and the entrance to Griston Road, between 7pm and midnight. The approved route suggested by the Highways Authority is via the A1075 Thetford Road via Griston, Caston and back onto the B1108 at Carbrooke. Sadly they failed to appreciate that most motorists are now equipped with Sat Nav's which are programmed to select the shortest route between two points on a map. No prize then for guessing which is the preferred short cut, effectively by-passing the aforementioned road works. Yep it's through dear old Ovington and Watton Green. The Parish Council, we are told, have pointed out this anomaly to the authorities who needless to say are completely disinterested. So bear with it folks and try not to venture out in the evenings, assuming you can get out of your drive in the first place.

INFLUENZA VACCINATION

Watton Medical Practice Patients –

Please book your flu vaccination on 881247 after 10.30am.

If you are Over 65. or---

Suffer from: COPD/Emphysema, Diabetes,
Chronic heart or renal disease,
Immuno suppression or Asthma

ORACLE DEADLINE.

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DEADLINE for NOVEMBER issue is 12noon on October 22nd.

PLEASE NOTE

To book the Village Hall for your meeting or party - please ring **Michelle on 884544**

BRECKLAND HARMONY.

Here is another important date for your diary and although we strive not to mention this early in the year the famous festival that takes place towards the end of December, this is something you will not want to miss.

So note well the forthcoming concert given by the famous Breckland Harmony singers to be held in **Ovington Church on Saturday December 15th at 7pm.**

We have seen and heard the Breckland Harmony on many occasions and their quality and range is truly excellent. So their talents combined with the outstanding acoustics of Ovington Church really will make this concert an event not to be missed.

***** STOP PRESS *****

(Here we go again Fred, not had this kafuffle lately eh?)

Just hit that Stop button and quit waffling!

(Whoops, better do as she sez Fred)

Heads will roll if you don't ----- trust me.

SILENT AUCTION.

This was a unique opportunity for everyone to pick up the bargain of a lifetime, but sadly the event was poorly supported.

Thanks must go to the dedicated, hardworking and surprisingly cheerful team of helpers who beavered away for the best part of two days.

Thanks guys and girls.

Details next month.

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A drunk was in front of the Judge. The Judge says, "You have been brought here for drinking"

The drunk says, "OK, lets get started"

O.K. Own up, how many of you tried to lick your elbow?

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